

WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION

**COMMISSION FOR BASIC SYSTEMS (CBS)
OPEN PROGRAMME AREA GROUP (OPAG)
ON PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES DELIVERY
(PWSD)**

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**EXPERT TEAM ON SERVICES AND PRODUCTS
IMPROVEMENT AND INNOVATION (ET/SPII)**

ENGLISH ONLY

**EXPERT TEAM ON IMPACT-BASED FORECASTING
AND WARNING SERVICES (ET/IMPACT)**

**IMPLEMENTATION-COORDINATION TEAM ON
PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICE DELIVERY
(ICT-PWSD)**

**BEIJING, CHINA, 30 OCTOBER – 4 NOVEMBER
2017**

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. Date and Venue of the Event

The meetings of the Commission for Basic Systems Open Programme Area Group on Public Weather Services Delivery (PWSD), namely the Implementation/Coordination Team on PWS (ICT/PWS), the Expert Team on Services and Products Improvement and Innovation (ET/SPII), and the Expert Team on Impact-Based Forecasting and Risk-Based Warnings (ET/IMPACT) will be held in Beijing, China from 30 October to 4 November 2017. The meetings will be held at:

Huafeng Group Building, Public Meteorological Service Centre
China Meteorological Administration (CMA)
No. 46, Zhongguancun Nandajie, Beijing 100081, China.
Please see a local map at the end page of the announcement.

2. Entry Visa Requirements

Visitors to China must have a passport valid for at least 6 months and confirmed round-trip tickets. Any participant from countries with no diplomatic relations or no special visa exemption arrangement with China should obtain an entry visa before entering the country. When uncertain as to entry visa requirements for China, please contact your local or nearest Chinese Embassy or Consulate as soon as possible. For more information, please visit the <http://cs.mfa.gov.cn/wgrlh/>. If you need an entry visa for China, you have to fill in the attached registration form, and **apply for the visa at the Chinese Embassy/Consulate mentioned in your registration form.**

3. Hotel Arrangement

Beijing Hubei Hotel is recommended, which is about 200 meters away from CMA. PMSC may help to make reservation upon request.



Hubei Hotel (湖北大厦)

Check-out time: 12 Noon

Address: No. 36 Nandajie Zhongguancun, Beijing China

Postal code: 100081

Tel: 86-10-62108400

Price for standard room: approximately 580RMB per night including one breakfast

Please print the following sign and take them with you when you travel to Beijing.



4. Transport Arrangements

Beijing Capital International Airport is located in northeast of Beijing and about 35km away from CMA. All participants are expected to make their own way to the hotel.

Taxi is convenient at the airport. Depending on traffic conditions, it takes about 40 minutes from the airport to Hubei Hotel. The charge is less than 150 CNY (US\$25), including the 10 CNY highway toll. **It is strongly suggested that you only take the official taxis by waiting in line, and keep the taxi invoice in case of loss of your personal belongings in the taxi.**

5. Information on CMA Compound

There are various living facilities in the compound of CMA or nearby, which can meet your daily needs. Detail information can be found in the plan of CMA below.



6. Climate and Weather

The average climate of Beijing in October/November is as follows:

- Mean daily maximum temperature: 13.7°
- Daily mean temperature: 2.9°
- Average monthly rainfall: 4.4mm
- Average humidity: 53.8%

7. Health requirements/Medical care/insurance

Up to date information on international travel and health is provided by the World Health Organization (WHO) at the following website:

<http://www.who.int/ith/countries/listc/en/>

For emergency health problems/issues please contact the local secretariat as soon as possible.

Medical services are of a high standard and most international prescription drugs are readily available through retail pharmacies. It is suggested that you bring personal medical insurance for the duration of the trip.

Participants are responsible for their travel and health insurance which covers their travel and visit period.

8. Time Zone

The China Standard Time (Beijing Standard Time) is eight (8) hours ahead of UTC/GMT

<http://www.greenwichmeantime.com/time-zone/asia/china/>

9. Currency Exchange/Credit Cards/Banks

Chinese Currency is called the China Yuan (RMB). Chinese paper money usually comes in: 1 yuan, 5 yuan, 10 yuan, 20 yuan, 50 yuan and 100 yuan. Chinese currency can be exchanged at banks, hotels and Pudong Airport.

Exchange rates are subject to market fluctuations. As of 28 September 2015, One U.S. Dollar is approximately RMB 6.37.

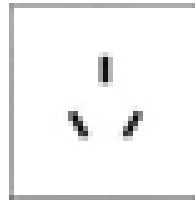
Credit cards (Visa, American Express, Diner's Club, MasterCard and JCB) are accepted at hotels, department stores, and most shops and restaurants. If your credit card does not have a photo please be sure to carry with you a photo ID.

Banking Hours: all banks are open only on weekdays 09:00 am – 05:00 pm.

10. Other Information

ELECTRICITY

The electric current in China is 220V, 50/Hz, and the below plugs are usually used. If your appliances plug has a different shape, you may need a plug adapter.



MOBILE PHONE CONNECTION

Mobile phones with GSM configuration will not function unless your mobile service provider has a roaming agreement with China that will enable you to use your own SIM card and hence keep your own mobile number. For more details, please visit the website of Chinese mobile carrier,

China Mobile at <http://www.chinamobileltd.com/en/global/home.php>

or China Unicom at <http://eng.chinaunicom.com/>

or contact your local service provider

Local Sim Cards (about 100 Chinese Yuan) can be purchased at the airport.

INFORMATION ABOUT BEIJING

You will find more detailed information about Beijing and all it can offer in terms of activities at the official Shanghai Government website:

<http://www.ebeijing.gov.cn/>

To know the current/ forecast weather of Beijing and surrounding areas, please go to:

<http://www.cma.gov.cn/en2014/>

For any additional information concerning arrangements for the meeting and the workshop please contact the local secretariat:

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